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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
H. Stollmeyer, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai, and Amoy.

BANKERS.

The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS
Hongkong, 24th May, 1893.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP 2,351,993.15

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman,
Adolf von Andri, Esq.,
Egbert Iverson, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.,
H. D. Stewart, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:—
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, J. The Hon. C. P. Chater, H. Hopkin, Esq.

Head Office:—3, Princes Street, London.

Branches:—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Agencies:—Peking, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL 1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,182,000

BANKERS:—
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893.

Insurance.

AN ENDOWMENT POLICY FOR £500.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments, he will be entitled to receive on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1893.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underwriters are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1892.

General Notice.

THE ON TA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL FUND 500,000
EQUAL TO 513,333.15
RESERVE FUND 513,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
Lee Sui, Esq.,
LOU TIO SHUN, Esq.,
LOU TIO MOON, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO ANEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, etc., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 3 & 5, PRINCE STREET, HONGKONG, 17th December, 1892.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRADE MARKS of the MAN LOONG (龍) BRAND, Manufactured by PRESIDENT GINGER and other SWEETMEATS, have been registered in this Colony pursuant to Ordinance No. 16 of 1892.

Head Office:—HONGKONG, CANTON, HONGKONG.

Office:—No. 376, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

LEUNG YU SANG, Manager.

WONG HOI CHOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1893.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 4 PER CENT. for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1893, will be PAYABLE on the 17th July next, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on 15th and 17th Instant.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHULTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1893.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company, will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 15, Bank Buildings, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to 19th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1893.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the MACLEAN, who holds my Power of Attorney, will conduct the business of The Hongkong Telegraph.

R. FRASER-SMITH,
Editor and Proprietor.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1893.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP SHARES of this Company will be TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the NEW SHARES standing in the same Name remain Unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

\$75 PER MONTH for BOARD and LODGING in ROOMS facing Peddar Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board \$45 Per Month.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1893.

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Underigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be First-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later if notice be given. He is also prepared to SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending Diabets, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on application.

Monthly Board for One Person \$15.00
Tiffin \$10.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast \$0.50
Tiffin \$0.75
Dinner \$1.00

SPECIAL TIFINS and DINNERS served in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and Table Accommodation.

Apply to Mrs. MATHER,
2, Peddar's Hill.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893.

THE MIKE COAL-MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a BITUMINOUS COAL of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes it has been pronounced to be the best and most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its export is increasing yearly, and the opinions expressed by several of the largest regular consumers are in testimony of the excellent qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages to Ship's Owners and Captains, who coal their bunkers direct from the Underigned:—

FRESHNESS of the coal.

UNIFORMITY of quality.

FREEDOM from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick dispatch.

BEST of weight, etc., etc.

MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1892.

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIPS, COMPRADORS, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL, ex GOWDOWN and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent at Kowloon Dock, reports that AKAIKI COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever used.

For full particulars, as to prices, &c., Apply to

KING WO CHEONG,
No. 24, Prince Street.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1893.

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "GLENVIEW."

LATEST SPECIALITIES IN FASHIONABLE MILLINERY.

TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED HATS IN IMMENSE VARIETY.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1893.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Peddar's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers under experienced supervision.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE READING, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjacent to the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert; and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING AND HOSIERY. SUMMER UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS AND COLLARS.

NEW SCARFS AND TIES.

RAIN COATS AND CHAIR APRONS.

UMBRELLAS, LEGGINGS, RUBBER BOOTS.

HATS.

TENNIS SHIRTS, TENNIS SCARFS, TENNIS SHOES, TENNIS BATS, TENNIS BALLS, TENNIS NETS.

BATHING DRAWERS, BATHING DRESSES, SPONGES, TOWELS, BATH SUNDRIES.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 5th July, 1893.

NEW STOCK ARTISTS' MATERIALS.

New Stock Ladies' Shoes. Tennis Bats, Balls, Nets, &c. Hand-painted Photo Frames. Photo Albums. Photo Screens. New French Novels.

BOOKS OF TRAVELS.

New Music, 5 pieces for \$1. Admission, Shooting, Cricket, Fishing, Tennis, Country and Falconry, Hunting and Driving, Billiards by C. W. L. Essays on Naval Defence. Brassey's Naval Annual.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1893.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, is the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Single and Double Rooms; with hot and cold water laid on, DOCKERS, SHOWERS, SPRAYS, &c., and fitted to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

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KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST LANDED.

PIONEER BRAND TOBACCO, 12 LBS. TINS.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

DAISY CIGARETTES.

WILLS' THREE CASTLES, BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE, and GOLDEN FLAKE HONEY DEW TOBACCO.

WILLS' THREE CASTLES CIGARETTES, in hermetically sealed tins containing 25 each.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1893.

Intimations.

TO THOSE WHO VALUE THEIR SIGHT.

NOTICE.

MR. N. LAZARUS,

OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN.

By appointment to H. H. THE MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN, EX-VICEROY OF INDIA.

Is now here.

And, previous to establishing A LOCAL AGENCY May be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL for a few days only.

The system of Sight-testing (patent 4,354), invented by him is now being universally adopted, and Mr. LAZARUS specially invites the Medical Profession and all interested in OPTICAL SCIENCE to see this Beautiful Test and the latest improvements in LENSES AND FRAMES.

As prescribed by Ophthalmic Surgeons.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1893.

EAST POINT DAIRY AND FARMING COMPANY, LIMITED, (WONG-NEI CHONG).

CONTRACTORS TO THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL AND THE ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL.

THE above Company undertakes to Supply the general public with COW'S FRESH MILK, CREAM and BUTTER at the following prices:—

Cow's Fresh Milk 5 Cents per Imperial Pint Bottle.

Peak Cream 10 Cents per Pint.

Peak Butter 15 Cents per Pint.

Orders from any part of the Colony, and British Kowloon, sent to the Company's Office, No. 51, Queen's Road Central, will be promptly attended to.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1893.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HARTMANN'S PATENT GENUINE COMPOSITION.

HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.

DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES, &c., &c.

EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1893.

J. W. KEW & CO., STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPWOMEN, AGENTS and CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality of TITAN FILTERED WATER, offered by J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages derived from their being able to Supply their Water in 400-fourth the time occupied by the old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of Cargo. Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.

J. W. KEW & Co., c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1893.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORES of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CADRE ROAD, have most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desire to state that they will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collar and Cuffs repaired on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful for any PAYER, or old Embroiders to be made into Baskets for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893.

D. R. KNORR'S LION BRAND ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 25 GRAMS TWICE.)

It is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the most highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE. Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Veterinary Liniment in stimulating the closing up of Wounds, is described as follows:—

For the best at every reputed Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export, Import and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for China.

Be wary of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893.

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1893.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship "LIGHTNING," Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1893.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "HENLOMOND," Captain Thomson, will call here if sufficient tonnage offers, and be despatched for above Port on or about 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1893.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship "CATTERTHUN," Captain Shannon, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has large Cooling Chambers, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. A fully qualified Surgeon and Stewards are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents

FERTILIZATIONS.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

The Water used is absolutely pure.

PLANT OF THE LATEST AND MOST IMPROVED SYSTEM.

PREPARED BY THE WATERWORKS OF THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT.

DAKIN, RUIKSHANK & CO., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS.

whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good condition.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock—

PURE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

POTASH WATER.

SELTZER WATER.

LITHIA WATER.

SARSAPARILLA WATER.

TONIC WATER.

LEMON SQUASH.

GINGER ALE.

RASPBERRYADE.

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or grey, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

DEATH.

On the 13th inst., at St. Mary's Terrace, Mount Gough, Hongkong, JOHN STEWARD LAPRAKE, aged 54.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1893.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE Reuter's telegrams received in Hongkong are supposed not to be printed in the local Press until twenty-four hours after their receipt, and they are marked "For the private information of the subscribers only, and not for publication." If not for publication, but merely for the private information of subscribers, why are they printed at all? A Chamber of Commerce paradox of the old-fashioned style! It is about time this ridiculous farce was blotted out. The Hongkong Government, in the interests and on behalf of the ratepayers, subscribes \$1,500 per annum for these cablegrams, which contribution of public money makes them the property of the public; the twenty-four hours delay in publication and the proviso "for the private information of subscribers only and not for publication" are therefore merely the silly vapourings of fossils who are sadly in need of a prolonged holiday in an asylum for the feeble-minded and mentally deranged, and who constitute a fast corroding monument to old-time local conditions which, happily, are now dead and gone. Why should there be a delay of twenty-four hours between the receipt and publication of these cablegrams, in which it must not be forgotten the community at large have a vested interest? It is a ridiculous sham, as the contents of the messages are pretty well known within half-an-hour after their receipt, and it may be taken for granted that it was the same when this silly regulation was first framed. If the information sent out by

REUTER—though thanks to the vigorous protests of this journal and the action taken in the Legislative Council by the Hon. T. H. WHITHEAD, the quantity of the article has been greatly increased, even if the quality is still leaves much to be desired—is not for publication, why does the Chamber of Commerce still continue to draw the colossal sum of SIX DOLLARS per annum from the proprietors of our two local contemporaries? There is an inconsistency in this business which ought to be put to rights without delay.

Scarcely a message is received through Reuter's service but exception can be taken to the staleness of the contents and to the silly construction put upon it by the translators along the chain of communication from the Straits to Shanghai. The local Agents cannot always be blamed for equivocal or erroneous translations, for Reuter's code is perhaps the most involved and intricate of any known. It is, however, an essential point that the translator be *au fait* with contemporary history and passing events both great and small the world over. The fault lies more with the scurviest of the service itself, than with the Agents. It was only yesterday that Reuter had the cool front to wire to Hongkong that a German gunboat had left for Bangkok when in reality he must have gained his information from either here or Shanghai. The *Telegraph* is not alone in lading out adverse criticism to this lame-duck news agency—the Shanghai papers are crying havoc and threaten to let loose the dogs of war; the stolid *Straits Times* twits Reuter on his tardiness and the *Ping Pong*, which apparently does not subscribe to the service, calls aloud for an amended telegraphic news system.

If we are not mistaken the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce pays Reuter \$3,600 a year for these cablegrams, of which amount, as above stated, the Hongkong Government contributes \$1,500. This grant was sanctioned by the late Sir JOHN FORBES HENNESSY, but it is open to question whether or not in this instance he acted with characteristic acuteness. The balance of the sum total is made up by private subscribers, who pay \$6 per month; though it is generally understood that the Chamber of Commerce has to make up any deficiency that may exist. The *Telegraph* for years cheerfully anted-up the regulation half-dozen pieces of silver, and it was not until our holy evening contemporary had driven the office donkey-cart through what was intended to be a binding agreement, and our repeated protests went unheeded, that we felt bound, as a matter of principle, to sever the connection. And we don't pay anything now, haven't paid a cent for a long time past, and don't intend now or hereafter to support an out-of-date monopoly which impedes private enterprise and allows jackdaws to strut about in the glaring guise of the gorgeous *banquet*. Seriously speaking, the telegraphic service from London to Hongkong, even with the recent additions, is most unsatisfactory, and is susceptible, without much extra exertion, of great improvement; but the REUTER monopoly must first be effectually quashed. We say monopoly, but it is one only in the sense that it is sanctified by "old custom." If we mistake not, REUTER used to receive considerable favors from the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, such as having his messages "tapped" in transit, thus saving the cost of an extra wire in the address of each message, but it is fair to assume that this privilege has been done away with and that the field should now be open to legitimate private enterprise. And this is what we are getting at. If the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Telegraph Companies are alive to their own interests they will listen to proposals that may shortly be made to them with a view of establishing a Press rate for the Far East—a rate that would suit the altered character of the times and correspond with that granted to Australian newspapers. The East certainly does not contribute in subsidies equalling the colossal amounts paid by the Australian Colonies, but the income which these two Companies derive from their constituents in this part of the globe entitles them to some consideration. And the Companies, too, would reap a rich harvest from the numerous journals published in Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan, and the papers would be materially the gainers—half-a-crown of interesting telegrams daily, from one of the reputed London agencies, bringing the Far East in close touch with the rest of the world, would prove especially beneficial to all concerned, and the enterprise that produced this result would not go unrequited. That is the reason why the *Hongkong Telegraph* is anxious to see Reuter's altogether unsatisfactory service "bust-up."

By the by, a gentleman, called at this office a week or two ago, claiming to be a representative of Reuter's Telegram Co. Ltd., and stated that he had been sent on a special mission to discover why the Hongkong newspapers did not specially contribute to the cost of the Service. It was explained to him that our eminently virtuous and high-toned colleagues were special contributors to the tune of \$6 per month and that this *Telegraph* had also been one of the victims to that extent until differences of opinion arose which left us no alternative but to gracefully retire. He suggested that, as the Service had lately been greatly increased, it would be a good thing if the three local newspapers agreed to contribute \$150 each, per month, for Reuter's benefit, as this was a charge which all newspapers had to face. We asked the gentleman—Mr. J. K. THAYNE—if after close examination he could discern any green in our dexter optic; explained that we enjoyed the blessed privilege of being taxpayers in this glorious monument of British enterprise and industry, that as taxpayers we contributed our fair share towards defraying the cost of "wires" which nine times out of ten were of no local interest

whatever, and that we were really not sufficiently philanthropic to pay \$150 per month for what we could obtain, and had a just and legal right to obtain, for nothing. But we did offer Reuter's agent \$500 per month for a decent daily service exclusively to the *Hongkong Telegraph*, and he replied that the amount was very small, probably imagining he was in one of the big news-centres of the world instead of being on a small island in the China Sea, with about ninety-five per cent. of its population composed of Asiatics who are unable to read English. This latter fact, however, is beside the question, but our visitor hinted something about getting ordinances passed to prohibit the "telegraph from printing" what we have clearly demonstrated is public property, and doing a lot of other gruesome things of a more or less deterrent character; but as to how this programme was to be carried out he maintained a discreet silence. We have not met Reuter's agent since; he came, saw, but unlike Alexander of ancient story, did not conquer. He has gone to sunnier climes. The *Hongkong Telegraph* has declined to contribute anything towards the maintenance of Reuter's past-history telegrams, but we are quite willing to liberally contribute to a special service if our contemporaries in the Far East will join issue with us.

TELEGRAMS.

INDIAN LOANS.

LONDON, July 14th.

The Indian Government invite tenders for loans to the extent of three hundred and fifty lakhs of rupees, partly at three and a half and the balance at four and a half per cent, the loans to be paid in October. Four and a half per cent will be accepted at par in payment of subscriptions to loans.

THE GERMAN ARMY BILL.

The Reichstag passed the first clause of the Bill dealing with Peace by such a majority as virtually to ensure the passing of the entire measure.

THE HOME PULP BILL.

Clause ten has been negatived. Clauses eleven, twelve, thirteen, seventeen, twenty, and twenty-one have been withdrawn, while the discussion on fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen has been postponed. The other clauses, up to the twenty-seventh, have been carried.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

ANOTHER "INCIDENT."

The French Consul in Hongkong, M. GUYRAUD, about eight o'clock last night received a telegram from Admiral HANNAN, which he promptly and promptly communicated to the press, as follows:

SAMSON, July 14th, 4 p.m.
Information has been received by wire from Bangkok that yesterday afternoon, while the *Incandescent* and *Comet* were lying off the Menam river bar, they were suddenly attacked by six Siamese vessels armed by the Paknam forts. The French gunboats repelled the attack easily, and at once entered the river, in spite of the Siamese having sunk hulks and laid torpedoes about the bar; the *Incandescent* and *Comet* anchored off Bangkok city during the night, and remain there for the present.

[This statement explains itself sufficiently well; the French vessels have been intending to go up the river for some time, and the Siamese, without definitely forbidding them, have been preparing to prevent them. Captain Bory, of the *Incandescent*, and Captain d'Arville, of the *Comet*, are both men of prompt action, and probably decided to take advantage of the first good tide, and go up to Bangkok in the usual way, as if everything was perfectly friendly; for that, indeed, the *Incandescent* and *Comet* anchored off Bangkok, however, not at or near the bar, but at a point where, at or near, made some rash and probably unauthorized movement which the French construed into a "suicide attack," though there are not six Siamese war vessels in the world—probably they were revenue launches, or junk. Anyhow it seemed sufficient to justify the *Incandescent* and *Comet* in active resistance, after which they followed out their original plan of going up the river. There is no mention of loss of life on either side, and apparently nothing has occurred to constitute a breach of "friendship" between the two Governments.—Ed., H.K. Telegraph.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE best marksmen are usually those with grey or blue eyes.

THE Observatory notice to-day says "ill-defined depression in China Sea. Barometer steady."

It is stated that Lord Derby was never drunk, although he drank too much every day for 50 years. Happy man!

THE O. & S. S. Co's steamer *Relief*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 13th inst.

THE microscopist says that a mosquito has 22 teeth. His voracity would not be doubted by residents at Kowloon if he had said 2,222.

It has been ascertained by actual investigation that it takes a snail 14 days to travel a mile. This doesn't refer to the *China Snail*; it never moves at all.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co's royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* left Shanghai for this port at noon to-day, and may be expected to arrive about 5 p.m. on Monday next.

It is understood that the Peter's Pence presented to the Pope by the pilgrims since the beginning of the year amount to about 100,000,000 lire. This may be true notwithstanding his suspicious ring.

On the ferry launch *Setting Star*. Lady passenger (excitedly, to landlady):—Stop the launch, quick! There's a poor couple fallen overboard!

Landlady (calmly):—Master—he have pay fare!

At the Magistrate's to-day, before Captain HARRIS, a Chinese woman was fined \$25 or three months for obstructing an Officer from executing his duty. Mr. H. L. DENNIS prosecuted, and Mr. K. ROBINSON defended. A counter charge, brought by the defendant against the plaintiff, that he had assaulted her, was dismissed.

THE marking of load-lines on merchant ships has been made compulsory in Spain.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co's royal mail steamer *Empress of India* left Yokohama at noon yesterday for Vancouver, via Victoria, she has on board 110 saloon passengers.

FIVE hundred and twelve bank notes weigh 1lb., observes a scientific investigator, but what number it takes to be worth a £, he omits to mention. Needless to say he is not an Australian.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

NOW we know what is the cause of the typhoon, and the awful heat, and the depression in trade, and all other evils that the fish is heir to in the Far East. The *Daily Press* has broken out into "Red Diamonds" again, after a mysterious silence of about six months. The best thing that "Granny" could do would be to slip in another long interval now before going any further with his penny scotch.

NOTWITHSTANDING bank failures and billions of bankruptcies, the gentle spirit of prayer has not been stamped out of Australia yet. Witness: A recent Melbourne obituary:—

Our Emily was so fair
That the angels envied her—
And whispered in her ear—
We will take you away on Tuesday night. (11)

A LECTURE will be delivered under the auspices of the Hongkong "Odd Volume" at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday, 18th July, at 5.30 p.m., by Mr. F. A. BAKER, M.A. (Oxon), F.G.S., of the British Museum (Natural History Department); member of the Museums Association. Subject:—Colonial Museums: Real and Ideal. Admission Free. Non-Members and Ladies are cordially invited.

THE Siamese are busily engaged in recruiting European officers for their Navy, but so far without any great amount of success. They, however, have secured the services of a few men from British steamers trading to Bangkok, the latest addition being an Englishman who a short time since was in the Scotch Oriental Company's service. He proceeds South in a day or two to join the Siamese fleet—If she is still afloat.

"It was easy to live with Murphy when he was drunk," said a woman, giving evidence lately in a wife-beating case at Ashburton (N.Z.). "He was always good then, but when he was sober he was a brute that no one could live with." The tellers are hereby invited to consider the case of Murphy and many like him. There are men who require to be kept tight at the public expense, and who should be arrested and sent to gaol whenever found sober or insufficiently drunk.

MR. J. HUBLEY ASHTON, one of the counsel for the Chinese government in the recent test case before the Supreme Court, San Francisco, as to the constitutionality of the G-ray law, made the statement that the Chinese government had already informed the State Department that if anything was done under the Geary law all relations with China—diplomatic, commercial and otherwise—would be considered as terminated. The Americans now in China would be ordered to withdraw and all American trade with China would be stopped. It struck home.

THERE was quite an enjoyable concert at the Club Germania last evening; the only defect noticeable being a slightly curtailed amount of programme. The occasion may have been the fact, or it may have been in honor of the Duke of York and the Princess May, for whom—

DRUMS MUST BEAT AND TRUMPETS BLAY.

As long as the excitement lasts, To compare neighbors for any little disagreement that may have occurred in the family circle, and to soothe matters down in a nice friendly way, they sang a musical parody on "God save the Queen." There now.

At the Magistrate's to-day, before Mr. H. F. WOODHOUSE, Ho Wal Hing, proprietor of the team LUNCH COMPANY, Limited, was charged by Messrs. STAFFORD NORTHCOE, secretary of the Company, with having embezzled over \$2,000 from the Company between 1st March, 1892, and 1st May, 1893. Mr. DENNIS appeared for the prosecution and Mr. WILKINSON for the defence. It is alleged that the complainant has been doing a little "squeeze play," charging more than he paid for maintenance and upkeep; and the defence is that the complainant only followed "old custom." The case was remanded until the 20th, both \$4,000.

THIS para. is especially dedicated to Mr. Alphabetic O'Brien, C.M.G.—Inquiries are often made regarding the longest authenticated speech on record. It was made in the British Columbian, Legislature many years ago and the following is an account of it:—The measure before the House would, if passed, have deprived many settlers of their lands. Member De Cosmos was in a hopeless minority—he stood alone. The "job" had been held back till the close of the session; unless legislation was taken before noon on a given day, the act of confiscation would fall. The day before the expiration of the limitation De Cosmos got the floor about 10 a.m., and began a speech against the bill. His friends could hear little, for they supposed that by one or two o'clock he would be through, and the bill could be put on its passage. One o'clock came, and De Cosmos was sitting still—no more than usual, entered upon his subject. Two o'clock—he was saying "In the second place." Three o'clock—he produced a fearful bundle of evidence and insisted on reading it. The majority began to have a suspicion of the truth—he was going to speak till next noon and kill the bill. For a while they made merry over it, but, as it came on to dusk, they began to get alarmed. They tried interruptions, but soon abandoned them, for he was as efficient as a steam engine to digress and gain time. They tried to shout him down but that gave him a breathing-space, and, finally, they settled down to watch the combat between strength of will and weakness of body. They gave him no mercy—no adjournment for dinner, no chance to do more than wet his lips with water, no wonder; from his subject, no sitting down. Twilight darkened, the gas was lit; members slipped out to dinner in relays, and returned to sleep in squads, but De Cosmos went on. The Speaker, to whom he was addressing himself, was alternately dozing, snoring, and trying to look wide-awake. Day dawned, and the majority slipped out to in squads to wash and breakfast, and the speaker held on. It cannot be said that it was a very logical, eloquent, or sustained speech. There were digressions in it, repetitions also. But still the speaker kept on; and at last came to a hoarse majority, livid with rage and impotence, and a single man who was triumphant, though his voice had sunk to a husky whisper, his eyes were almost shut and were bleared and bloodshot, his legs tottered under him, his blackened lips were cracked and smeared with blood, De Cosmos had spoken twenty-six hours, and tired the settlers' heads.

A FUNERAL service in memory of the late Mr. J. S. LAPRAKE was held at the Cathedral this afternoon, when a very large number of friends attended.

WALTER J. MONTGOMERY, who played "juvenile" to Geo. C. Mills throughout his Eastern tour and who will be well remembered in certain circles here (with an accent on the capital) has married Miss Grace Hawthorne, the well-known American actress, at Manchester. They were in the same company when the accident happened.

THE E. and A. Company's steamship *Cuthbert* arrived here early this morning en route to Sydney direct with a full cargo of tea, and sailed again this afternoon. Full cargo is hardly the term, for there was not an inch of space available for either additional cargo or passengers. The *Cuthbert*, with anything like luck, will reach Sydney inside 18 days.

A WRITER on Chinese affairs states that "The native detective force is a secret body, and the best organized in the world. They have an eye upon every man, woman, or child, foreign or native, in China, and, in addition, watch over each other." Some have told the truth in spite of themselves. There is a modicum of truth in the above, but it has to be looked for.

It is rather singular that the *Daily Press* today, in publishing some remarks about a Portuguese lunatic with a bar, also publishes the purport of a letter in reply. When letter and answer both appear in one issue, it looks as if the author of the reply must have seen the letter before it was printed—i.e., as if one or both originated in "Granny's" feeble brain. Picture the old lady playing the banjo!

ANOTHER new lottery, the *Loteria Economica*, has lately been instituted in this colony by a number of enterprising young Portuguese. The tickets, which were sold at five cents each, being hawked about so freely and anxiously by these hard-up youngsters, soon brought this new gambling venture to the notice of the authorities, with the most desirable result that Inspector SIAMON started on their track and the "poor relation" of the gambling clique—one Antonio J. Soares, and Yim Yau Sam were yesterday brought before Capt. Hastings who fined the former \$35 with the alternative of six weeks, or the latter \$75 or three months imprisonment.

At the humiliated and prayer demonstration in Melbourne Town Hall the other day, after Bishop Gore had delivered an address, the congregation sang, "God move in a mysterious way." This, says *Bullfinch*, shows that even now the church hasn't begun to grasp the situation. It was the fact that Matthew Davies and Bent and Munro moved in such a mysterious way that was the main cause of the trouble. The intimation that the D.D. went out of its way to move in a more mysterious fashion than usual for the express purpose of making suburban allotments go down to their natural value, is only another example of the diseased self-importance of the average cleric, who, if he chances to stub his toe against a nail with a nail in it, or if he over-cuts himself and gets a pain in the dinner-table always says that he is being "chastened" by Heaven. Also, in a certain frigidly humble fashion, he is proud of being "chastened," just as the ordinary carol groveller is proud of having been kicked by a prince. If anybody could voice the church that it wasn't being specially chastened it would be the roughest thing that has happened to it since the Reformation.

THE PROPOSED ATHLETIC FETE AND EXHIBITION.

As recently mentioned in these columns, a proposal has been made among the members of the Victoria Recreation Club and Garrison to hold a three days' athletic tournament, with exhibitions of various kinds, on the Praya Reclamation about Christmas, for the joint benefit of local charities, the Garrison Orphans Fund, and the V.R.C. building fund. Although the committee of the Club did not care to recommend a direct vote of the Club money, a few of the members have already come forward and guaranteed a substantial sum to form the nucleus of the required fund, exceeding the Committee's estimate of what the Club might be asked to provide. This at any rate forms a basis on which to develop the scheme. A meeting of the Club, we believe, to be held shortly, and the proposal will then for the first time assume definite form. It is now certain that the Club can, even without any outside help, get up an athletic festival on a fairly large scale—good enough, probably, to attract numbers both of competitors and of spectators from Shanghai and the outports; good enough to fill a three days' programme to over-crowding; good enough to justify the enlistment of all the athletic and gymnastic resources available and to provide satisfactory prize lists; good enough to be amplified by the addition of a flower show, baby show, and exhibits of many other objects, with the further attractions of music and countless amusements, to be arranged in detail at a later stage. Given all this, what more could be desired?

THE LEGEND OF THE IVY.

(FROM A GERMAN LEGEND.)

The Rhine is sweeping onward through those quiet and rustic scenes, And moonbeams sport upon it while the world is hushed in dreams; And Nature's fairy voices blend, and with the powerful tide of the large scale—good enough, probably, to attract numbers both of competitors and of spectators from Shanghai and the outports; good enough to fill a three days' programme to over-crowding; good enough to justify the enlistment of all the athletic and gymnastic resources available and to provide satisfactory prize lists; good enough to be amplified by the addition of a flower show, baby show, and exhibits of many other objects, with the further attractions of music and countless amusements, to be arranged in detail at a later stage. Given all this, what more could be desired?

And thus his muse begins:—
Sing of the days that are no more,
Tell of an age that's gone before;
Striving this old harp that by its spell
Recalls this wasted voice to tell
Of scenes, of lives, of joys of recall,
Where Time has sped and is a shroud o'er all,
And Death consigned the Tenthon race
To du and in their vacant place
Let ruin and decay efface—
All that I loved so well.

Though Lethian weeds grow o'er their tomb,
Though dark-winged birds infect the gloom—
Remembrance still dwells there,
Where Drakensfels' blue mountains weep
O'er Koenigswinter hushed in sleep,
A ruined fastness out of date
Looks down with scorn upon the gate
That with two others takes the place
Of marble knees that once did grace
The hem of Rheinish maid.

Poor Pph! dwell beneath you hill:
I hear her songs resounding still;
Her love's face will always fill
My songs with cadence sad.

Now Hugo was her dearest friend:
I often heard their voices blend
In tuneful melody, while they
Would wander home at close of day,
In their hearts to call down the stream
That now carries their summer dream,
While drifting to the sea,

So Pph! watched the moon-light shine
Upon the wheel'd hills and Rhine;
And hand in hand was wont to rove
By castle wall and silent grove
With Hugo as her guide.

The roses bloomed, bright days fled fast,
And summer faded when the leaves
Her noble lower clime: her hand,
But she, regardless of cruel fate,
Laughed as she ever bade him wait—
Thus kept him waiting on.

The scent of flowers came o'er the mead,
And smiling nature seemed to plead
Her Hugo's cause on each soft breath;
She did not know that life and death
Waltz hand in hand with all rubric,
And merrily lend for summer time
These dreams that pass away.

At last across the castle moat
The trumpet sounds the piping note—
He smiles and bids farewell.

The Drakensfels' lamented lord
Left low to phry, and with his sword
Sought refuge on a foreign shore,
And lord his cause in holy war,
But never returned again.

And Pph! wept and waited long,
A-dread the loud triumphant song
That heralds sang as they marched past
With brilliant tread in home at last,
And merrily lend for summer time
These dreams that pass away.

Then Pph! bowed her head.
The leaves of autumn, one by one,
Fell to the earth, the morning sun
Smiled on them all before the breeze
Bore them away. The tolling bells
Still bowered round each fading flower
And butte fled danced thro' the bower
Then Pph! sought repose.

There yet remains a glimpse of youth—
Those feudal thurs attest the truth,
And from their high exalted throne,
With Drakensfels' foundation stone,
They bid defiance to the gale,
And Pph! Knight they still bewail—
But he will never return.

And from her grave beneath the tree
An attitude creeps towards the sea:
'Tis Pph! soul that onward goes
To find her long-lost Knight.

CALEDONIA.

ENTHUSIAST.

Land of Chivalry and Freedom,
Land of old traditional fame,
May thy noble sons and daughters
Long uphold their honored name!
Land where foreign foes ne'er venture,
Land where tyrant never tread,
Land whose sons are ever foremost,
Treading nobly life's high road!
Land of simple-hearted kindness,
Land of patriotic worth,
May your virtues ever flourish,
Hardy clansmen of the north!
Land where rest in silent slumbers
Ashes of our honored sires,
May their memories long be cherished,
Round our humble cottage fires.

CENIC.

Land of ancient bloody tyrants,
Raging through deep and sh;
Land of thieving "filian tervals,"
Killed rogues and stolen ye!
Land of Bibles, Kirks and "Brotheres,"
Selling, and lousie a wif' trail,
Drunkards, shebeas, Godly Deacons
Pacifists, ilialies, brose and kail!
Land of canny cereals' bodies,
Foes in all un-oddy fan,
Thee who sum up man's whole duty—
Heaven—Hell—and no, o!
Land of drooping palms and sel'mons,
Pewky, wif, and snuffy boses,
Fawt chiefta so fond of country
That they leave it fast in scores.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by correspondents in this column.]

THE LATE RACE FOR THE SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS.

To the Editor of the "North-China Daily News."
Sir—In a paragraph recently published in the *Hongkong Telegraph* referring to the "question of the late race for the Shanghai Champions," last meeting, it is stated that an "informal investigation" into the matter was made by the Stewards of the Jockey Club with the result that Mr. D. E. SUTTON was "wholly exonerated." If this statement is correct (of which I have no official information) it is perhaps open to question whether the Stewards would be justified in taking the decided step they are reported to have done on the result of an "informal investigation." However this may be, I think it well, as one who is acquainted with the facts, to state how the case at present stands.
After the Race for the Champions some members of the Club made some rather strong remarks regarding the riding of *Blackberry*. Mr. SUTTON hearing of these remarks requested

